

Final Minutes of the  
San Joaquin River Management Program  
Action Team Meeting  
Of  
October 19, 1999

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
3800 Cornicopia Way, Tuolumne Building  
Modesto, California

### **Introductions and Approval of Minutes**

The San Joaquin River Management Program Action Team met on October 19, 1999 in the office of the Natural Resources Conservation District, Modesto, California. Dale Hoffman-Floerke began the meeting by asking for any comments on the August 25, 1999 meeting. No corrections were made.

### **San Joaquin River Watershed Course**

Kevin Faulkenberry presented a summary of the San Joaquin River Watershed Conference to be held on February 7-11, 2000 at CSU Stanislaus. A few more conference speakers are yet to be confirmed. Charlie McPherson, of Tetra Tech, began the development of a brochure promoting the watershed course. The draft brochure was e-mailed to the watershed conference committee for editing and will soon be mailed. Tim Ramirez offered to mail postcards to his database lists or give us a copy of the database.

The DWR/Stanslaus contract, providing a partial sum of the total cost to CSUS, was approved and is in the DWR's Contract Services Office waiting for distribution. Invoices can be submitted as soon as possible.

It was recommended that the next San Joaquin River Management Program meeting take place on the CSU Stanislaus campus to become familiar with the conference site and setting. Also, this meeting location would provide an opportunity to meet with interested CSU Stanislaus faculty. Hoffman-Floerke offered to speak with Ashley Griffin to make the meeting arrangements.

### **Real-Time**

Earle Cummings updated the group on the real-time project. The group was informed that Ernie Taylor is tallying the number of real-time web site visits. Most of the forecasts indicate contributions by cooperators. Probes used for E.C. measurements are still experiencing a fowling problem and require frequent cleaning to stay operational. He stated that it might be necessary to change the probes to remedy the problem.

Upcoming field projects include installing a station site on Gun Club Road near Gustine, (Mud Slough and Cows Landing).

The grant from Cal-Fed is in place, however the contract with the Department of Energy has stalled. There is some differences between attorneys that still needs to be worked out

## **Other**

### **Mission/Goal Statement**

Senate Bill SB-807 identified SJRMP in a 2-sentence statement. It was learned that SJRMP legislation gained a 2-year extension for January 1, 2000-January 1, 2001. It was agreed to pursue a facilitator who would provide a 1-day session to assist the group in articulating goals and objectives. Mike McElhiney proposed a SJRMP planning committee to help weave and voice proposals.

### **Resolution 99-9**

The Board of Reclamation's, Resolution 99-9, identifies official guidelines relating to encroachments in floodplains, such as river restoration projects. The Flood Protection Committee, under the direction of its Chair, Alex Hildebrand, prepared a written response to be submitted to the Board upon review from SJRMP participants. After comments from the group had been considered, the letter is to be presented to the Advisory Council for possible action.

Next Meeting: December 16, 1999 at 1 p.m.

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